

The Multnomah County Library Board met on Tuesday, December 7, 2004, at Central Library in the U.S. Bank Meeting Room. Chair Dean Gisvold called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Board members present were: Joe Arellano, Charlotte Beeman, Stephen Feltz, Martha Gies, Molly Gloss, Rick Gustafson, Jon Kruse, Marneet Lewis, Diane McKeel, Alice Meyer and Donna Oden-Orr. Board members Robert Brading, Gwen Farnham Hyland, Mark Garber and Diane Xiong were excused.

Staff members present were: Molly Raphael, Connie Christopher, Becky Cobb, Ellen Fader, Cindy Gibbon, Mike Harrington, Penny Hummel, Rita Jimenez, June Mikkelsen, Lance Murty, Carolyn Myers, Sharon Bart, Susan Egan, Nancy Arveson, David Miles, Carol Rogers, Deanna Cecotti and Monique Coleman. Also in attendance were: Mary Carroll -- Office of Commissioner Serena Cruz, Andy Smith – Chair Linn’s Office, and Katie Lane – County Attorney’s Office.

The minutes of the November 9, 2004 meeting were approved.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DRAFT MEMO TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RE: THE USA PATRIOT ACT

The Internet Access Policy Committee met to craft a statement to inform the Board of County Commissioners of the library’s specific concerns regarding Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act. Cindy distributed a copy of the memo from the Library Board. The statement of advice speaks specifically to those areas of the USA PATRIOT Act affecting the Library and library policy relating to patron privacy. The statement of advice also recommended: a) amend or repeal Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act; b) block reauthorization of Section 215 so it will sunset, if it cannot be amended; and c) scrutinize and amend or block future federal legislation that seeks to promote national security at the expense of civil liberties. Dean Gisvold motioned for a vote to send this statement of advice to the BCC. Alice seconded. The vote was unanimous; the motion passed. The Board of County Commissioners are scheduled to vote on Thursday, December 9th at 10:30 a.m. on this matter. Library staff will forward the memo to the BCC for their timely consideration before their vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report was discussed. Specific items discussed were:

- 1) Internet Access Policy Recommendations Update: Molly reminded everyone the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) decided to postpone their vote to allow time for further consideration of the internet access policy recommendations. Molly has met individually with the Commissioners and/or their staff to provide additional information and respond to any questions they raised. The internet access policy

recommendations will be considered and voted upon by the BCC on Thursday, December 16.

- 2) Library Planning Process: Molly noted that it is once again time to look at how the Library uses its resources to effectively meet the changing needs of the community. She explained that the Library Board and staff went through a long-range planning process five years ago and most of the plan's goals and objectives have been accomplished. Because Multnomah County is constantly changing, library services and programs need to continue to change with it.

Molly said the Library will use the standard public library planning process, *The New Planning for Results*, as the framework for developing the library plan. She further explained that she intends for the process to be a collaborative effort between community residents and library staff. The first step in the process is to form a Planning Committee. The committee membership will be comprised of key community members who represent the broad diversity of our county and its various stakeholders and constituencies. The committee will be asked to identify the community's vision and needs and recommend roles that the library should take to address those needs. Molly asked board members to forward recommendations for committee membership to either her or June Mikkelsen who will be the project coordinator for the planning process. Molly said invitation letters will go out in early January and the first meeting is scheduled for January 28.

- 3) Budget Process Update: Becky reported that many details are still being worked out but the six broad areas have been defined and the 400+ programs are being evaluated. Budget hearings will be defined by priority areas and not by department. Discussion ensued about the library's plans for this budget process. Becky explained detailed instruction will be included in the budget book due to be released on Friday of this week. Molly said the board will receive an update at the next board meeting as more information becomes available.

DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT ALL INCLUSIVE TRAINING SESSION

Alice Meyer suggested board members set a date for the next training session which would include the two youth members. Alice proposed this session follow either the January 11th meeting or the February 8th Library Board Meeting. The meeting would be scheduled to end at 8:30 a.m. At 8:30 a.m., board members would remain in the US Bank Room and have their meeting until approximately 10 a.m. She suggested a poll of those members present and sending an email to others to set a date.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 a.m. These minutes are subject to approval at the next scheduled board meeting.